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**CSM Saunders visits Wiesbaden, meets with intel
sergeants major**

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WIESBADEN, Germany- Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Saunders, command sergeant major of the United States Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, AZ, met with United States Army in Europe intelligence sergeants majors from USAREUR Intelligence, 66th Military Intelligence, 1st Armored Division Intelligence and 501st Military Intelligence, May 22 at Wiesbaden Army Air Field, Germany, to discuss changes and challenges within the army intelligence community.

Saunders is the senior military intelligence NCO in the Army and this is his first visit to USAREUR since becoming command sergeant major of the USAICH, said Sgt. Maj. Rahamon Phillips, 1st AD senior intelligence sergeant major. He's come to discuss issues with the USAREUR MI sergeants major and to put a face to the names he hears so often, added Phillips.

After a luncheon with the MI sergeants major, Saunders held a round table discussion to address issues associated with military intelligence and the transition of forces with in USAREUR.

"I'm here to visit my intelligence Soldiers," Saunders said. "I need to know what I can do to help gather information and field the best product possible."

Part of the discussion centered on changes to various military occupational specialties within Army intelligence.

There has been a lot of shuffling of MOS recently, Saunders said. Names and duties have changed, some jobs have been added while others have been eliminated. It is very important that the sergeants major know about all these changes.

Another topic of discussion was changes made to the Warrant Officer Corps.

"It used to be that a warrant officer was not commissioned until the rank of W2. The Army is looking into changing this," Phillips said. "They are also lowering the time in service from four years to two years to qualify to be a warrant officer."

Saunders was very receptive to the issues and suggestions.

Ironing out issues created at higher levels of command is one of the reasons I came here, Saunders said. With the suggestions I've heard and what I have learned today I can hopefully make improvements through out the entire Army intelligence community.

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